

The Troubles of a Village Church

PART XII.

The "New Idea" Minister Makes His Debut

Within the annals of the church
This was the day of days.
Horatio Spinks had now arrived
And would direct its ways.
The Board had clamored Conference
That their minister be changed,
And soon were duly notified
It had been so arranged.

The minister at once announced
In an elaborate speech,
He would next Sunday morning
His opening sermon preach.
That morning he would outline
And all his plans would state,
To make the little village church
A church right up-to-date.

Next Sunday all the members
Appearance punctual made,
Deacons four, and trustee board,
Each spotlessly arrayed.
Within the confines of that church
Silence reigned supreme,
And hearts awaited anxiously
The parson and his scheme.